

Biography of Honorable Joan N. Feeney

HONORABLE. JOAN N. FEENEY has been a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Massachusetts since 1992. She serves on and is currently the Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Feeney is a co-author of the West publication Bankruptcy Law Manual and the co-author of *The Road Out of Debt* published by John Wiley & Sons. She is an Associate Editor of *The American Bankruptcy Law Journal*. Judge Feeney is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a member of its Board of Regents. Judge Feeney is a founder and the Co-Chair of the M. Ellen Carpenter Financial Literacy Project. Judge Feeney was the President of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges in 2011 and 2012 and has served that organization in numerous capacities. She was a member of the International Judicial Relations Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States from 2006 through 2012. She also has served on the Board of Directors of the American Bankruptcy Institute and as Judicial Chair of several regional ABI educational programs. In 2005, Judge Feeney received the Boston Bar Association's Haskell Cohn Award for Distinguished Judicial Service and in 2009 the American College of Bankruptcy First Circuit Fellows recognized her for her contribution to bankruptcy jurisprudence and practice. Prior to her appointment, Judge Feeney was an associate and partner in the Boston law firm Hanify & King, P.C. She was a Career Law Clerk to the Hon. James N. Gabriel, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Massachusetts. Judge Feeney is a graduate of Connecticut College and Suffolk University Law School. Judge Feeney is a frequent panelist and lecturer on bankruptcy law topics in Massachusetts and throughout the country.